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SUBJECT.

permission to A.S. Srikantiah to publish a monthly Kannada journal called "Akshara-Jali"

To Mr A. S. Srikantiah No 1944-9 12-8-15
Grants permission prayed for in Sl 62.
To the D.C. of Tumkur & Dy Commr, Mysore
No 1945-6 9 12-8-15
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FILE HEADING.

Permission under the Mysore Newspapers Regulation

From

A. S. Srikanthah Secy, K. A. V. Akshara Sala Mysore

No. 223 Dated 28.6.15 Received 29.6.15

Diary No. 11499	Enclos.	Spare Copies.	Serial No. 62

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Requests permission to publish a monthly Kannada Journal called 'Akshara Anjali'

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Subd. with a draft calling for a confidential report on the antecedents etc of Mr. Srikantaiya.

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63 This Dy Commr. & Distt Magte, Mysore Ob. No 175-6. Requests to send a Confidential Report & 6.7.15 on the Character of A.S. Srikantiah.

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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68	From The Deputy Commr, Mysore Dt D.O. no. 218 Dt 14.7.15 Forwards a copy of the Police Supdt's report about the character & antecedents of
69	Mr. Srikantaiya From Mr. C. Srikanteswara Aiyar D.O. no. 58 Dt 2.8.15 Reports on the character & abilities of Mr. Srikantaiya
3	Subd. with a draft. KN. 24.7.15 for approval. Secy.) Mesn 27.7
4	The draft may be approved. Dewan) Dewy 29.7 Mesn 29.7
5.05 29/7/15	5 Draft approved by Dewan 10.8.15 Dewy 10/8
	6 Issued Mesn 11.8
70	do. Mr. A.S. Srikantaiya, Mysore no. G 1944 Dt 12.8.15 Grants permission as prayed for
71	do. The I.G. of Police & the Dy. Commr, Mysore Dt no. G 1945-6 Dt 12.8.15 Forwards copy of the above for information

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ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಕೂಲಿ ಸಮನ್ವಯ ಸಮಿತಿ
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಅಂಚೆ ಕಚೇರಿ. ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ
ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪತ್ರಿ.

ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಕೂಲಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಅಂ.
ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ. ಬ, ಪತ್ರಿ, ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ
ಬಗ್ಗೆ.

ಮಾನ್ಯರೇ,

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪೋಸ್ಟಲ್ ಮ್ಯಾನುವಲ್ ಪ್ರಕಾರ
ವಿಶೇಷ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ವಿಷಯದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಶೇಷ
ಕಾರ್ಯವಿಧಾನ, ಪತ್ರವ್ಯವಹಾರ ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆಯ
ಅನುಸಾರ ಸಿದ್ಧಪಡಿಸುವ ಪ್ರಮಾಣಪತ್ರ ಬರೆಯುವ
ಬಗ್ಗೆ - ಮುಖ್ಯವಾಗಿ ವಿಶೇಷ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ
ವಿಷಯವನ್ನು ಅಂಚೆಯಾಣ ಪಾವತಿಯ
ಮೂಲಕ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವುದಾಗಿ ಹಾಗೂ
ಮನವಿಯನ್ನು ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಿ, ಪತ್ರವ್ಯವಹಾರ.
ಬರವಣಿಗೆಗಳು, ಅನ್ವೇಷಣೆಯ ಮಧ್ಯೆ
ಪತ್ರಗಳಿಂದ ಅಂಚೆ ಕಚೇರಿಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳು,
ಮುಖೇನದ, ದ್ವಿಪಾಕ್ಷಿಂ ಪತ್ರಗಳು,

ಮ ನಿಂಜ್ಞಾರಂಜ್ಞಾಂದ ವಿವಿಧ ವಿಷಯಗಳ್ಳಂ
ನ್ನಿಜ ನಿಂದಲಂದ ಅಂಶಗಳ್ಳನ್ನು ಳ್ಳಗಾ-
ಅಷ್ಟೋಂಜ್ಞಲು ಎಂಬ ಕನ್ನಡ ವಾಂಜ್ಞ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆ
ಯಿಂದನ್ನು ಮುಂದಿನ ತಿಂಗಳ್ಳಿಂದ ಪ್ರಾಂರ
ಭಿಸಲು ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿಕ್ಕಿಸಿ.

ನ್ನಿದಕ್ಕೆ ಬಾಂಜ್ಞಿಷಿಂದು ವಿಷಯ
ಗಳ್ಳಿಗೆ ಅವಶ್ಯಕ್ಕ ನಿಂತಿಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡುಪುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಪುನವನ್ನು ಪ್ರಾಂದಿದ ಜಾವಂದರ
ವರು ಪ್ರಕಟಿಯಿಪುತ್ತಿ- ಈ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯನ್ನು
ಶ್ರಜುರ ಪಡಿಸಲು. ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಿಂದ ಪರಿಶ್ರಮಿಸಿ
ನಿಂಡಿಸಿ ನಿಂತಿಂಜ್ಞಾಂಗ ಚೀಲಿಂದು
ಚಿಲಿಡಿಸಿಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಬಿನ್ನಪ.

ಎಂ.ವಿಕೆ, ಶ್ರೀಕಂಠಯ್ಯ
ಮಿಲ್ಲ ಪೆರಿ
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CONFIDENTIAL

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G.P.6-1463 for 1964
Enc enclosed

General & Revenue Secretariat
Bangalore, 6.7.1965

Dear Sir,

I am desired to request you to kindly furnish Government with a confidential report on the character and antecedents of one Mr. A.S. Srikantaiya Secretary, K.A. Aksharasala, Mysore who has applied for permission under the Mysore Newspapers Regulation, III of 1908, to edit, print and publish a Kannada monthly called 'Aksharanjali'

(copy of application enclosed)

2. I am to request that, instead of, or in addition to, any enquiry by the Superintendent of Police or other subordinate officers, you may send for the applicant and personally interview him so that you may be able to form an idea of the merits or defects of the applicant and so that any misstatements in other reports may have a chance of being corrected.

3 An early reply is requested.

Yours sincerely,

for Secretary to Government
Gen. & Rev. Depts

The Deputy Commissioner & District Magistrate, Mysore District.
The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

3/14/1911

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HISTORY OF U.S. SRIKANTAYA.

1. Parantage Etc:--

Name. U. S. Srikantaya.

Father's Name B. Garalapuraiya.

Native place. Sindagatta village, Krishnaraja pet Taluk.

Owns dry lands also in Basavapatna, Arkalgud Taluk.

Pays an assesment of Rs. 15/- in all.

Brothers:- 1. Nanjundaiya, Cycle-repairer.

2. Kapinipathy, School-master in the A.V.Aksharasala institute.

II. Qualifications etc.

Has passed the Mysore L.S.Examination in 1896.

Upper Secondary Kanarese and Sanskirt in 1903.

Teachers Certificate, Upper Secondary Grade (Theo, and Prac.). - - - in 1904.

Kindergarton, Clay-modelling, brush work and paper-folding - - - in 1908.

Card-board work - - - in 1908

Does not know English.

III. HISTORY.

Was a teacher in Yedathore Girls' School.

(Head Master).

do. A.V. School, Nagamangala.

(Ist Asst.)

do. Taluk Board School, Maddur,

(Head Master).

Government Kanarese School, Chamarajpet, Mysore, and in the Government Schools of Bookinkere, Periyapatna Kothathi and Kikkere etc.

Resigned in 1911 and started the A.V.Aksharasala in Mysore City.

IV. RELATIVES. Recorded

Belavadi Nanjundiya (Deceased) of Bombay D.P.W.
Mr. Anantharārayana Rao, Clerk, Dy. Comr's Office, Mysore
" Thammaiya, Pleader, Veerarajpet.
" K. Mylari Rao, B.A., B.L., Asst. Comr. Mysore.
" Venkataramanayya, Dy. Inspr. of Schools, Bangalore
" Shama Rao, do. Shimogga.

V. FINANCES.

Gets a grant of Rs. 15/- from the Government and monthly subscriptions amounting to Rs. 20/- from the public-spirited gentlemen. The students, 80 in all, pay 1 rupee each and the school of Aksharasala has 7 teachers in all.

VI. AKSHARANJALI MAGAZINE.

It is to be issued in 32 pages, crown size. The contributors to this magazine include:-

Mr. R. Vasa Rao, B.A., Geologist,
" M. Annaji Rao, B.A., B.L., Professor, Maharaja's College, Mysore.
" K. Subba Rao, Asst. Dy. Inspr. of Schools, Shimogga,
" Shama Rao, Dy. Inspr. of Schools, Shimogga.
" Venkataramaniyya, Dy. Inspr. of Schools, Bangalore.

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G E N E R A L.

The applicant bears a good character and has a sound knowledge of Kannada and Sanskirt. Is an enthusiast in the new system of instructing pupils. He was present during the Dasara Exhibitions of 1911, 1912 and 1913 with his songs for children and glass heads for sketching out kanarese alphabets.

A copy of the prospectus and his testimonials are enclosed for information.

14.7.18

Superintendent of Police,
Mysore District.

13.7.15

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ದೇಶವಿದ್ಯಾಭಿಮಾನಿಗಳಾದ ಮಹನೀಯರ ಸನ್ನಿಧಿಗೆ —

ಸೇವಕ ಮೈಸೂರ್ ಅಕ್ಷರಶಾಲಾ ಸೆಕ್ರೆಟರಿ, ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಾಯ

ಎಸ್. ಶ್ರೀಕಂಠಯ್ಯನ ವಿಜ್ಞಾಪನೆಗಳು.

ಘನವಂತರೆ ! ನಮ್ಮ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ವಿದ್ಯಾಭ್ಯಾಸವು ಉತ್ತಮವೂ ಉಲ್ಲಾಸಕರವೂ ಆದ ಮಾರ್ಗದಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯುವಂತೆ ಅನೇಕಮಂದಿ ದೊಡ್ಡಮನುಷ್ಯರುಗಳ ಪ್ರೇರಣೆ ಮತ್ತು ಧರವಸೆಗಳಿಂದ ಮೇಲೆಕಂಡ ಮಾದರೀ ಸ್ಕೂಲನ್ನು ೧೯೧೧ನೇ ನವಂಬರ್ ತಿಂಗಳಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ಥಾಪಿಸಿ, ಆಲಾಗಾಯಿತು ಕ್ರಮವಾಗಿ ನಡೆಯಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಬರುತ ಲಿರುವುದು. ಎಂದರೆ-ಪ್ರತಿತಿಂಗಳಿನಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಸುಮಾರು ೧೫೦ ರೂ. ಬಟವಾಡೆಯು ನಡೆಯುತ ನೂರಾರುಮಂದಿ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ವಿದ್ಯಾಭ್ಯಾಸಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಬರುತಲಿ ರುವರು.

ನಮ್ಮದೇಶದ ಅನೇಕಮಂದಿ ದೊಡ್ಡಮನುಷ್ಯರುಗಳು ಈ ಸ್ಕೂಲಿನ ಪದ್ಧತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕುರಿತು ತಮ್ಮ ಸದಭಿಪ್ರಾಯವನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವರು. ಘನವಂತರಾದ ನಮ್ಮ ಶ್ರೀಮದ್ಯುವರಾಜರವರೂ,

" His Highness is very pleasedwith the method of teaching Kannada Alphabets devised by Mr. Sreekantiah and he wishes him and his Institution cyerv suecess.

ಎಂದು ಅಪ್ಪಣೆಕೊಡಿಸಿರುವರು.

ಈ ಸ್ಕೂಲಿಗೆ ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಪ್ರೋತ್ಸಾಹಕರಾಗಿದ್ದ ಎಸ್. ಬೆಳವಾಡಿಯವರು ಬಿ. ಎ. ಎಲ್. ಬಿ. ಇ. ಯವರು ಮುಂತಾಗಿ ಕೆಲವುಮಂದಿ ದೊಡ್ಡಮನುಷ್ಯರುಗಳು ಅಕಸ್ಮಾತ್ ದೈವಾಧೀನರಾದುದರಿಂದ ಈಗ ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯವನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುವುದು ಕಡುಕಷ್ಟತಮವಾಗಿರುವುದು.

ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಈ ಸ್ಕೂಲಿನ ರಕ್ಷಣೆಗಾಗಿಯೂ ಮತ್ತು ಈ ಸ್ಕೂಲಿನ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯ ಪ್ರಚಾರಕ್ಕೋಸ್ಕರವೂ 'ಅಕ್ಷರಾಂಜಲಿ' ಎಂಬ ಒಂದು ಮಾಸಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ಹೊರ ಡಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ಉದ್ದೇಶಿಸಿ ಕೆಲವುಮಂದಿ ಮಹನೀಯರುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಆಲೋಚಿಸಲು, ಮುಖ್ಯರಾಗಿ ಎಸ್. ವ್ಯಾಸರಾವ್ ಬಿ. ಎ. ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಜಡ್ಜ್ ಇವರು ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ಕಾಗಿ

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KINDERGARTON

A. V. Aksharashala

MYSORE

SIR,

Educating children on approved kindergarton methods with especial attention to their moral conduct has been long considered a desideratum. It is quite proper that every man should pay attention to this subject as his sacred duty.

The undersigned had long ago determined to consecrate his life to the service of children by supplying this want to the best of his abilities and he accordingly opened a school with the above title, through the support of several gentlemen, in Chamarajpet extension of the Mysore City on the first November last(1-11-11) [redacted] re two pupils to start with. Now there [redacted] e pupils on the roll. For efficiency are seventyfiv[redacted] school an establishment consisting of seven masters besides the undersigned and two peons had to be entertained. There are five clssses—from the First to the Lower Secondary—including the infant classes with their several sections. The boys are trained in the school both in English and Sanskrit besides

Kanarese for the Lower Secondary Examination. Also all kinds of things of great value, needed to educate the children on approved methods have been secured and are being used in the school.

Establishment charges including the rent of the school building comes up to Rs. 120 per mensem, and will of course increase as the strength of the school increases. The necessary furniture, apparatus etc., have yet to be purchased and a large sum of money is needed to meet the expenses.

The undersigned begs to convey his deep debt of gratitude to the following gentlemen for the support they extended to him in starting the institution besides the monthly subscriptions kindly granted by them.

1. B. Krishna Rao, Esq., B.A., L.C.E., Executive Engineer, Karachi. This gentleman has been paying a monthly subscription of Rs. 5 and also has given a donation of Rs. 200.

2. N. Belvadi, Esq., B.A., L.C.E., Sanitary Engineer to the Government of Bombay and also Fellow of the Bombay University. This gentleman has been paying Rs. 10 per month and also has given a donation of Rs. 200.

3. N. S. Subba Rao, Esq., B.A., History Professor, Maharaja's College, Mysore. This gentleman has been paying a monthly subscription of Rs. 2 and has also promised to present the undersigned with an almaira worth about Rs. 45.

4. Rai Bahaddoor, A. Narasimhiengar, Esq. Monthly subscription Rs. 2.

5. B. M. Sreekantiah, Esq., M.A., B.L., Lecturer in English and Kanarese. Maharaja's College Mysore. Monthly Re. 1.

6. C. B. Lakshmana Rao, Esq., B.A. Monthly subscription Re. 1. Donation Rs. 10.

7. Navaratnam Rama Rao, Esq., B.A.,B.L., Assistant Commissioner, French Rocks. Monthly subscription Re. 1.

8. B. Narasinga Rao, Esq., Pleader and Legislative Council Member, Donation Rs. 25. Monthly subscription Re. 1.

9. S. N. Appanniengar, Esq., B.A., B.L. Donation Rs. 20.

10. Alia Lingaraj Urs, Esqr. Monthly Re. 1 Donation Rs. 20.

11. S. Krishnamoorthy Rao, Esq., B.A. Monthly Re. 1, Donation Rs. 3.

12. Kannambadi Dasappa, Esq., Land Lord, Hassan Taluk. Monthly subscription Rs. 2. He has also promised a donation of Rs. 100 of which Rs. 50 is already paid.

The aforesaid together with several other honourable gentlemen, have expressed their high opinions in regard to the working of the school and the public may kindly judge of the institution from a perusal of the visitors' opinions and also of the books, published by the undersigned, for the use of the infants.

The undersigned prays that all gentlemen who would respect their country and their country's education will extend their liberal support to him by kindly helping him with a monthly grant or donation and sending to his school their children, in order to place this highly useful institution on a permanent basis and thus earn the everlasting gratitude of the country.

He further begs to state that he has delivered several lectures within and without Mysore Province on the above subject, out of his greatest love towards his mother-country and language and several educated gentlemen have heard and admired his lectures. He also desires to inform the general public of his intention to

I found the children learning the lessons very cheerfully. The method of tution is excellent. Mr. S. Srikantaiah who has been devoting all his attention to this institution not only deserves to be congratulated but also deserves to be encouraged in his arduous duties. I do not think any gentleman who would send his children to this school would feel sorry for his having done so. This institution deserves universal encour agement.

(Sd.) B. RAGHAVAYYA,
Solicitor, Bombay.

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5. On the invitation of Mr. Srikantaiah I paid a visit to the interesting infant institution "Aksharasala", located in Lakshmipuram in Mysore. The devotion and intelligence of the Head Master was visible in the games and lessons the pupils went through It is a mixed school for boys and girls. The Kindergarten method adopted in the institution to the little ones is particularly noticable. I hope the children of this extension will benefit by this school; and I wish it every success.

(Sd.) A. NARASIMHA IYENGAR.
3—5—1912.

6. I had the pleasure of going round Mr. Srikantaiah's "Aksharasala" on the 16th ultimo I was much interested in the attempts made to make the lessons living to the children, and was struck with Mr. Srikantaiah's earnestness. The institution deserves every encouragement.

(Sd.) N. S. SUBBA RAO,
Professor of English and History.
Maharaja's College.
MYSORE.

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7. I visitsd the school known as "Aksharashala" on the 25th April, 1912 and am glad to find the school doing excellent work. The method of teaching adopted in the school is eminently suited for infants and is purely intellectul. The Head Master Mr. Srikantaiah has been conducting the school with great enthusiasm and the institution deserves every encouragement.

(Sd.) B. NARASINGA RAO,
Pleader and Member,
Mysore Legislative Council.

6-5-1912.
Srirangapatna.

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8. On the 3rd May, 1912, I visited and inspected the "Aksharashala" Strength and attendance were as follows:—

Class	A.V.	II	Roll	7	Present	7
,,		I	,,	3	,,	3
Vernacular	Class.	I	,,	6	,,	7
,,		B	,,	7	,,	1
,,		A II	,,	8	,,	6
,,		A I	,,	12	,,	9
Total.	....	....		43	....	32

REMARKS.

This is a mixed school containing 12 girls and 31 boys under 5 masters. It has been in operation during the past 6 months and 3 days. Owing to the hot weather the attendance at school was rather poor. All the teachers appeared keenly interested in their work. The method of teaching adopted and the progress shown were satisfactory. The school house is spacious and well ventilated. Organisation and discipline were commendable. The manager has applied

for a grant from the state funds and the request will receive every consideration.

(Sd.) M. SRINIVASA RAO,
Inspector of Schools,
Mysore Circle.

9, 10, and 11. We inspected the school this morning at the request of the Head Master. The young dhildren here trained appear to pick up things very quickly. The system of teaching is very attractive to the children. We have all been pleased with the systemof teaching and the progress made by the children. The young institution deserves every encouragement; and it is hoped it will secure a substantial support both from the Government and the Municipality beforelong so that its scope of useful work may increase more and more.

(Sd.) Karpur Srinivasa Rao, B.S.C., L.C.E.,
Superintending Engineer, P.W.D.
D. Appu Rao,
Retired Deputy Superintendent,
Revenue Survey.
S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., L.L.B.,
Advocate and Member.
Ed. Govt. Ec. C,

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make known to those who are interested in and who desire to know his new and original kindergarton methods of instruction to young children by means of lectures.

The list of the books published by the undersigned for the use of the Children.

1. Aksharabhyasakrama, which shews how the teaching of Kanarese alphabets is related to the other lessons, through the kindergarten methods. Price, 1 anna.

2. Akshra gite or Varna gite, which teaches children to form Kanarese alphabets by means of bangles and sticks, on kindergarten methods, to the accompaniment of simple songs. Price 2 annas.

3. Aksharavilasa which shews that it is the best method to teach alphabets by means of bangles and sticks.

4. Aksharabodhe Consisting of parts I & II and III separately and also as a whole, which enables parents to teach their children Kanarese alphabets, words and sentences easily by means of big characters and illustrations in the books,

This book can also be-used by children as their reading book.

Prices:—	Part I.	0	1	6
	„ II.	0	1	0
	„ III.	0	1	3
	Whole book	0	3	0

5. Aksharavinoda. } Which are in the
6. Akshararahasya. } Press.

7. Sachitra Akshramalike Pata, by means of which children can be made to learn their Kanarese alphabets and form them by means of bangles and sticks. Price One Anna.

8. A case containing a set of bangles and sticks, by means of which all sorts of alphabets and pictures can be formed.

Prices:-	A set of brass bangles & sticks	0	8	0
2	A set of iron and other metallic bangles & sticks.	0	4	0
3.	A set of glass bangles & sticks.	0	2	0

OPINIONS.

I visited this school on the day when it was opened *i.e.*, on the 1st November 1911. There were two students on the opening day. by the end of November there were nine students. Now

ther are ten girls and fifteen boys. There are two classes at present. The establishment consists of Mr. S Srikantayya, the Head Master, two Assistant Masters, and one music teacher. There are also two peons. The establishnent charges come up to Rupees Sixty. The Head Master has spent nearly Rupees three hundred and fifty to buy furniture and things required to give object lessons. There are also Kindergarten gifts. Alphabets in English and Kanarese are taught by the help of bangles and sticks accompanied by songs. Simple problems in Arithmetic are likewise taught by concrete methods. He has adopted a method of Teaching which is more intellectual than mechanical. As his happy method of instruction becomes better known, the strength of the school is bound to increase. His school is likely to become a model school and he deserves special encouragement.

(Sd) M. Venkatakrishnayya,
Head Master,
Mari Mallappa's High School
MYSORE.

29-12-1911.

I visited the Aksharasala yesterday and assisted in the interesting function of the distribution of prizes. I was very pleased with all

that I saw and was particularly struck with the intelligent and cheerful manner in which the children went through their exercises.

The Head Master Mr. Sreecantayya appears to be devoted to his work and I have no doubt that the public will thoroughly appreciate the excellent work that is being done in this institution.

(Sd.) N. Belvady,
Sanitary Engineer
to the Government of
BOMBAY.

30-12-1911.

22nd Feby, 1912.
Mysore.

3. I visited the "Aksharasala" conducted by Mr. Sreekantiah and was immensely pleased to see the very pleasant method of teaching infants under the Kindergarten system. This institution deserves hearty co-operation.

(Sd.) B. S. TIRUNARANA IYENGAR
Hydrabad Division.

22nd Feby, 1912.
Mysore.

4. It was indeed an intellectual treat to me this day when I had the pleasure of seeing the "Aksharasala" in its full working condition.

10. At the reqest of the Head Master I paid a visit to the " AKSHARA SALA " this morning. I spent a couple of hours in seeing the work done in the vorious classes. The Head Master and his Assistants are making an earnest attempt to employ Kindergarten methods of instruction and the pupils take a lively interest in their work. The school is held in a fairly spacious and well ventilated building. A small garden is maintained for nature study. The poor attendance shows, however, that the residents of the locality have not yet realised the advantage of sending their children to an institution in which better methods of instruction are employed than in ordinary schools. The teachers have made a praise-worthy affort and with patience and perseverance they are bound to succeed.

(sd.) C. KRISHNA RAO,
1st June, 1912. *Secretary,*
MYSORE. *Economic Conference.*

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11. Myself and Mr. Mir Nizamuddin Allikhan visited the school this morning. The teaching staff deserve the thanks of the parents of the little children in whom they have developed such keenness and interest in observing and

expressing Kindergarten things that were presented to them. One does not realise how pleasanr the procees of study could be made to young and infant minds until one has had the good fortune to witness a demonstration so simple and yet so powerful as that we witnessed to-day.

(sd.) Mir. NIZAMUDDIN ALLIKHAN,
5-6-12. T. HANUMANTHA RAO.

This morning I paid a visit to the "AKSHARASHALA" along with Mr. Rangachar, retired Deputy Inspector of Schools and was much interested with what I saw. The teaching of tne Kannada Alphabet according to Kindetgarten merhods by means of games and occupations with sticks and rings was very good. Number was also being taught in a pleasant manner. The school is very much in need of some appliances suited to an infant school and a good trained teacher who knows how to teach drawing to the infant classes. The attempt of the Head Master is praise worthy and deserves every encouragement.

(Sd.) M. VENKATASUBBIAH,
First Assistant,
Dated, 5th July, 1912. *Normal School,*
MYSORE.

I visited the " AKSHARASHALA " Infant School with Mr. Venkatasubbiah, B.A. L.T. 1st Assistant Master, Government Normal School and the Mysore Specialist in the Kindergarten methods of instruction.

Mr. Srikantiah, the Head Master of the Sala, who has himself had the advantage of being trained in the Normal School, Mysore, and who has started and organized the "SALA" is its life and soul. He and his assistants, including a music master take a lively interest in the progress of the infants entrusted to their care.

The School is situated in a healthy locality and has a spacious compound which is kept clean. Attached to the school is a small garden where some little practical instruction re plant life is given. With the help of charitably disposed gentlemen, the Head master has supplied the School with suitable furniture, Kindergarten gifts and apparatus as well as with coloured and illustrated Alphabet sheets and cards, and some lacquered and glass articles for illustration and imitation in drawing.

Attempts, like this, at imparting instruction to the infants, on the approved lines, deserve en-